



RECEIVED

OCT 29 2002

GROUP 3600

PTO/SB/21 (6-98)

Approved for use through 09/30/2000. OMB 0651-0031

Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

+

TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

TRANSMITTAL FORM <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>		Application Number	09/703,774
		Filing Date	November 1, 2000
		First Named Inventor	Jones
		Group Art Unit	3662
		Examiner Name	L. Martir
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	8	Attorney Docket Number	594-23292-US

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition Routing Slip (PTO/SB/69) and Accompanying Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Statement	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any under payment or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 50-1720 (594-23292-US).

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	G. Michael Roebuck (Reg. No. 35,662)
Signature	
Date	October 17, 2002

RECEIVED
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2300
OCT 6 2002

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this date: <input type="text" value="10/17/02"/>	
Typed or printed name	G. Michael Roebuck
Signature	

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

+



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this paper, along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being forwarded to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Attn: Box No Fee, Group Art Unit 3672, Washington, D.C. 20231, via first class mail with sufficient postage on this 17th day of October, 2002.

G. Michael Roebuck

G. Michael Roebuck

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jones
Serial No.: 09/703,774

Filed: November 8, 2000

Title: A Method and Apparatus for
An Ocean Bottom Seismic
Acquisition Technique

§ Group Art Unit: 2855
§
§ Examiner: Martir, L.
§
§ Atty. Docket: 594-23292-US

BOX RESPONSE - NO FEE
Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800
NOV - 6 2002

RECEIVED
OCT 29 2002
GROUP 3600

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED July 17, 2002

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees deemed necessary or credit any overpayment related to the filing of this Response to Deposit Account No. 50-1720 maintained by Western Geco.

In the Specification

Please insert the following two paragraphs in place of the first paragraph on page 6 of the specification.

Any number of MOBS instruments can be deployed at one time from a survey vessel or surface support ship. As shown in **Figure 4**, the MOBS are independently controlled so that they can propel themselves or swim using fins 14. The MOBS swim in formation or